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***Cross Lutheran Church***

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 15, 2015**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book – Holy Communion Setting Three**

We encourage worshippers to use the time in the sanctuary before the liturgy begins for silent meditation and prayer. The entire assembly will read the Gospel together; pew Bibles can be found in front of you, children’s Bibles and large print lessons are available from the ushers. Prayer for healing and anointing with oil is offered in the narthex during Holy Communion. Any worshipper wishing to receive these gifts may proceed there after receiving the host and the cup, and before returning to the pew.

***Bold Print*** *– indicates congregation responds as a whole*

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**PRELUDE** *Improvisation and Cantilena* Stefania Denboe

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**  p. 94 (red tab)

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Christ, the Life of All the Living* ELW # 339

**\*GREETING** p. 138

**\*KYRIE/HYMN OF PRAISE** *Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved* ELW # 602

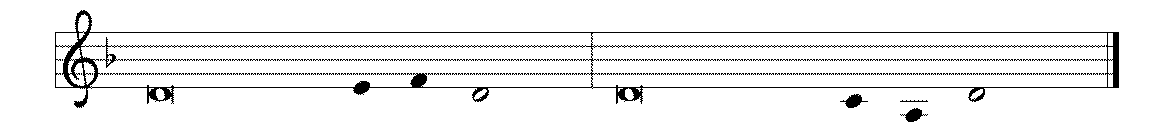
**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON** Numbers 21:4-9 O.T. p. 139

**PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22 – Is sung a capella and responsively**

*Cantor sings the verses not in bold.   
Congregation sings the* ***bold verses.***

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1Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good,

for God's mercy en- | dures forever.

2**Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim**

**that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,**

3gathering them in | from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

**17Some were fools and took re- | bellious paths;**

**through their sins they | were afflicted.**

18They loathed all man- | ner of food

and drew near | to death's door.

**19Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD**

**and you delivered them from | their distress.**

20You sent forth your | word and healed them

and rescued them | from the grave.

**21Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love**

**and your wonderful works | for all people.**

22Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving

and tell of your deeds with | shouts of joy.

**SECOND LESSON** Ephesians 2:1-10 N.T. p. 192

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Return to the Lord*p. 142

\*(P) The Holy Gospel according to John 3:14-21 N.T. p. 94

**\*(C) Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*(P) The Gospel of our Lord.

**\*(C) Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us* ELW # 358

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED** p. 127 (blue tab)

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**OFFERING** *Kyrie* Traditional

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Let the Vineyards* ELW # 184

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER** p. 145

**DISTRIBUTION**

**To make the distribution of the Lord’s Supper as easy as possible, we ask that people who wish to commune and who use a wheelchair or walker come to the front first to receive the Sacrament.**

**LAMB OF GOD** p. 146

*We Come to the Hungry Feast* ELW # 479

*What Wondrous Love Is This* ELW # 666

When Peace like a River ELW # 785

*How Small Our Span of Life* ELW # 636

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION** p. 146

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *There is God’s Garden* ELW # 342

**\*DISMISSAL** p. 146

**In observance of Lent, there will be no postludes during this season.**

To Our Guests and Visitors Today: Every baptized believer who is of age is invited to receive the Lord’s Supper as we worship. The invitation is extended to each of us by the Lord himself, because he is the host of the meal. We also believe that he is the meal; that is that “in, with, and under” the bread and wine we do receive the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Please follow the directions of the ushers if you wish to commune. Children under the age of ten are invited to receive a Word of blessing. ***Worshipers unable to commune at the front of the church…Please register with an usher*** *and a lay minister will bring the Supper to you in your pew*.

###### **THIS WEEK AT CROSS**

**Today**, March 15 **9:30am** **Worship Service**

**10:45am Sunday School, TEEN/High School**

**11:00am Adult Education Class**

3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb

6:30pm Youth Summer Trip Meeting

7:00pm 7th Day Adventists

Monday, March 16 7:00pm 7th Day Adventists

Tuesday, March 17 6:30pm New Member Milestone Class

7:00pm 7th Day Adventists

7:30pm Roca de Horeb

Wednesday, March 18 5:45pm Soup Supper

6:45pm Mid-week Lenten Worship Service

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 19 10:00am East Central Conference - Pastors

6:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen

7:00pm – 8:30pm 7th Day Adventist Prayer Group

Friday, March 20 6:00pm – 10:00pm Roca de Horeb

7:00pm 7th Day Adventists

Saturday, March 21 6:00am Roca de Horeb

9:30am 7th Day Adventists

5:30pm –8:30pm Roca de Horeb

Sunday, March 22 **9:30am** **Worship Service**

**10:45am Sunday School, TEEN/High School**

**11:00am Adult Education Class**

3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb

**Today you will find in the bulletin a table prayer**. We know that our Lord is the source of all blessings, and that it is most fitting for us to give thanks before we eat. Some people always pray the same prayer. Others prefer to pray different prayers – some don’t pray at all. A different prayer will be included each month to help us all in this daily devotion.

Table Prayer

God of all good gifts, bless this food, which fills up our empty stomachs. Bless our table talk which brings us closer to one another. Bless the events of the day – good, bad, happy or sad. Bless this together time, which helps us grow in love. Amen.

*Description: j0199727*Description: MCj03075560000[1] *Stewardship Verse*

*Mark 12:43-44*

*Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put it more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”*

Be a good steward of the earth; if you aren’t taking your bulletin home,   
please drop it in the recycling bin in the narthex. Thank you!